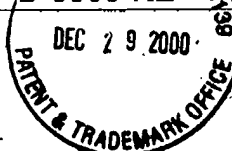


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in patent number 5,715,270, granted 02/03/1998, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled HIGH EFFICIENCY, HIGH POWER DIRECT DIODE

LASER SYSTEMS AND METHODS THEREFOR

the specification of which

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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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<p>Name of Patentee(s): Mark S. Zediker, Robert R. Rice, and John M. Haake</p>		
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: **McDonnell Douglas Corporation**
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Entitled: **High Efficiency, High Power Direct Diode Laser Systems and Methods Therefor**
McDonnell Douglas Corporation, a **P O Box 516, St. Louis MO, 63166-0516**
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